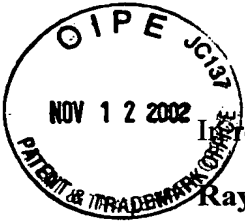


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In re application of:

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For: **ELECTRICALLY ENHANCED MODULAR CONNECTOR
FOR PRINTED WIRING BOARD**

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 27-30, and cancel claim 31, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An electrical connector comprising in combination:
- a receptacle comprising:
 - a housing having a first face and a second face and a plurality of conductive elements each extending from said first face to said second face;
 - a metallic cover extending over said housing and terminating in a grounding contact adjacent said first face for mating with a printed circuit board;
 - an additional grounding contact adjacent said second face for mating with said printed circuit board; and